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The Christian Armor.

Eph. 6: 11-18.

Oh, take the armor whole of God,
That ye may ably stand,
Amid the Devil's wiles and darts,
Which are on every hand.
Let truth around your loins be girt,
Your breastplate, righteousness,
Your feet well shod with Gospel peace,
Your shield be faithfulness.
Thus ably quench Apollyon's darts,
Fraught with the fires of hell!
Your Captain of Salvation leads;
In Him all shall be well
Your helmet, let salvation be,
Your sword—the Word of God;
By this the Holy Spirit smites
Your foes upon the road.
So, "Praying always with all prayer,"
And "Watching thereunto," [ed:
Your fight with victory shall be crown—
Above there's heaven for you.
No foe shall fell you as you march,
To happy Canaan's land,
Where glories great shall be revealed,
To the "more than conqueror's" band.
T. H.

ELKHART, IND.

Feb. 28th.—On the evening of the 20th, I met with the friends and brethren in the Rock Run district of the G. B. church for the purpose of making arrangements for a protracted effort, having the promise of the assistance of Bro. Coker. But his health being such that he had to return home, and I had several meetings and good interest. But on account of my wife's health, I was obliged to stop for the present. We hope Bro. Mallott will be able to come in the near future, as this is another grand opening for a Brethren church as there is a splendid church house for the brethren to work in, and the friends will care for all necessary arrangements. May God bless Bro. Jacob and sister Ulery, and those young men who were so kind to us while with them.

D. S. CRIFE.

JOHNSVILLE, MD.

March 1st.—I notice in the paper of the success our Brethren are meeting with in winning souls to Christ, and organizing churches, even where the strongest opposition is, and where but few Brethren are. This makes me feel it my duty to say something through the EVANGELIST, and that is I think it would be a good thing, in a good place, if some one of our Brethren could make it suit to plant his Battery in, or near this place, and preach the Gospel alone doctrine. Those that are acquainted with the Dunker settlements, will see at once it is in the neighborhood of what is called the Beaver Dam church, of Frederick Co., Md.

Both Old Order and German Baptists have each a church, side by side. My wife and I, members of what is known as the New Enterprise Brethren church, of Bedford Co., Pa., moved to this place last fall, and we are the only two of the Brotherhood I know of in this county. We have met many of our G. B.'s and also some of our Old Order Brethren. We must say they have treated us with Christian courtesy, but we feel an interest in the Brethren cause, and feel an interest in the welfare of our neighbors and friends, spiritual as well as temporal. There are

many young people, and older ones too, that are in sympathy with the Dunker church, but are not willing to put on the yoke of Annual Meeting. Some have so intimidated to us. This makes me feel like asking some one of the Brethren to pass through this part of God's mortal vineyard and tell the doctrine. We intend on moving about eight miles west from here, by the first of April, if we are spared so long. Our address will then be, Walkersville, Frederick Co. Md. If any of the Brethren should come into our community we will be glad to do anything in our power to make them feel at home, while with us. Hoping some may see fit to visit this part of the country, we close, praying God's blessing upon all, and ask an interest in your prayer.

H. R. DOOLY.

MAPLEVILLE, MD.

Feb. 37.—One more soul was made willing to accept Christ on last Sunday, at the Mapleville Chapel. The brother came 22 miles to be baptized, there being no organization nearer. He was baptized by Eld. Cost. We especially rejoice in the conversion of this brother, as he and I had been associates in the valley of sin, and trust that, as we now have both turned our faces Zionward, we may live as faithful in the service of Christ as we did in saving the many souls.

L. P. GROSSNICKLE.

PINE HILL, Va.

Seeing the good results of the many accessions to the church we can not help but rejoice in the Lord; as we are here in the Pine Hills, a little band of soldiers moving on in the best way we know and can. We still try to have our regular meetings, but through the afflictions and suffering, with such severe pain of rheumatism and a sore foot, I missed two appointments at Lorrel Hill, which I regretted much. We have our regular meeting at Providence, and have one of the best prayer-meetings ever conducted here. All are becoming very much interested; outsiders as well as the members, and we are building one another up in the spirit of the Lord. All the members take part in giving encouragement and commenting on the parts of scripture in the meetings or in asking questions on the same.

G. S. RINKER.

Providence Church March 3rd, 1886.

CORBIN, KANS.

I am always very anxious to get the EVANGELIST which brings us such encouraging news from the field. Those who do not read the EVANGELIST, do not know what the church is doing. I scarcely know what to think of those who claim to be progressives, but are so indifferent as not to read the EVANGELIST. I for one could not do without it. This indifference does not belong to Christian progression.

I spent a few days last week visiting on Slate Creek near,

Conway Springs, where Wise lives. I think from what I could see and hear while among them that they are more dormant there than Lair reports our cause in Kansas. Well, one would conclude if there was a church in love and union it would be the one that Elder Wise presides over, but such is not the case, nor has this Elder succeeded in bringing his own household into the church. What a pity. One who has been on so much committee business ought to do a little better at home. His church was in council while I was there. I passed by the school house while they were in session and I intended to convene with them, had I been on time: but too late, I felt ashamed to intrude after they had begun with their business, part of which was to consider, or rather reconsider, the Wise and Replogle case, a case once disposed of in the church with Enoch Eby's presence. But the \$200 which the church was to pay to the mission fund is not forth coming; hence this reconsideration. As near as I could get it, the former decision of the church was, that the church will pay \$200 in two annual payments, into the mission fund, and the disputed deed to remain unchanged, and sister Replogle to remain with the church.

The reason for the church not paying the \$200 are about these: Wise is now in possession of an 80 acre farm that is worth about \$2500.00, which he got from sister Replogle for one hundred and sixty dollars. The sister claims to have wanted to give him 40 acres of it to have and to hold during his and wife's life. But the whole was deeded to his wife and her heirs. This was the beginning of much trouble. Mrs. Wise being unwilling to change the deed, sister Replogle agreed to let it stand, provided the church raises \$200 for mission funds. Many of their members think Wise's hens should pay it. From what I could learn the church in council last week referred it back to Enoch Eby and other Elders to decide where these \$200 are to come from. Wise has put \$400 or \$500 worth of improvements on the 80 acres. Financially he made it pay by coming to Kansas and to read his reports of their even-tenored way, one would have a better opinion of that church than he would to live among them. I believe it would be a good time for us progressives to take hold there.

D. HARADER.

WATERLOO, IOWA.

March 2.—Sunday, at our regular forenoon service one was received into church fellowship by commendation. So far this pastorate year, nearly twenty-five have been received, mostly by baptism. Our services are well attended and there are prospects of a continued increase in the membership. This year we will lose nearly twenty of our active membership by removal. Most

of them are seeking homes in the newer and cheaper West where small capital secures a double portion of land. We hope however to be able to fill up the ranks with new recruits. No providential interference we will organize a new congregation at Kimbal, Dakota, out of a good class of members who moved up, mostly from here. God bless brother Mallott in his growing work.

S. H. BASHOR.

DAYTON, OHIO.

March 5th, 1886.—Bro. James A. Ridenour concluded his labor in the series of meetings at this place, this evening. The immediate result of the three weeks service was an ingathering of nine precious souls. The church feels very much revived.

The fourth week of this series commences next Sabbath (March 7th,) and will be conducted by brother E. S. Miller.

Many thanks to our brethren for their labor of love. The prayers of the church in behalf of the cause of Christ at this place are requested at this time. In God we trust.

SAMUEL KIEHL.

The Miami Valley.

At our regular meeting at Winchester on the last Sunday of February, three more united with us.

The agitation in the minds and hearts of the people of Winchester, the natural consequence of our late revival is far from over. With some it has settled on the right side of the question.

With one hundred warm-hearted, zealous members, the great majority of whom are yet in the full vigor of their first love, who are not ashamed or afraid to boldly advocate the cause of Christ amongst their friends, much can be expected. This is the condition of affairs here, and so we are confidently looking forward to a grand future.

Our weekly prayer-meetings are a source of much interest and profit to us. They are free from that conventionalism, that is so fatal to true vital christianity, and which eventually terminates in a routine of stereotyped prayers and types.

To satisfy the curiosity of some and perhaps benefit others, we will give a brief outline of our mode of conducting our meetings.

As far as it is really possible, and that should be as regularly as any other of the meetings, the pastor should be present. We generally have about four prayers. And somewhere in the midst of the meeting, we have about 15 or 20 minutes talk on some topic that has been selected the previous week by one of the members. On last Wednesday evening the subject was Eph. 4: 26, the week before Matt. 6: 4, for next week Psalm 39: 1, 2, 3, and 4. We hold our meetings from house to house, and so far we have had an average attendance of about fifty.

Sister Coler, of Farmersville, has been seriously sick for sever-

al weeks. The attending physicians and the family are now very hopeful for her ultimate recovery. We trust the Lord may long spare her to us.

Bro. R. K. Binkley, of Huntington, Ind., surprised us with a few days visit. Although we had long known him by reputation, this was our first meeting in the flesh. He preached for us at Farmersville, on Sabbath morning. We enjoyed and appreciated the sermon, his visit, and the man indeed it was a case of love at first sight. We hope the visit did him as much good as it did us.

We would like the Brethren everywhere to remember that the Farmersville church lays claim to some hospitality, and we are glad when the brethren and sisters will come and enable us to display it, and put it to use.

We are glad to see the Correspondence and Children's department so well filled. But the Essay department is still a little fluctuating. It is a good thing for the editor that he has the exchanges and advertisements to fall back on, or he would be at his wit's end.

EDWARD MASON.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE

A large excursion of Quakers from the United States are now in the City of Mexico, and as part of their errand a permanent Quaker Mission will be established in that city. Among the party are some prominent members of the Society of Friends in Chicago. Editor Pritchard of the Christian Worker is one of them.

The Emperor of China has formally invited the Pope to open direct relations between the Holy See and the Chinese Empire by the establishment of a Papal embassy at Peking. It is believed that this step is taken with the view of lessening the great influence now enjoyed by France in her capacity as the Catholic protectorate in the extreme Orient.

The ancient Hindoo faith has met with a severe shock. It is an article of faith with the Hindoos that the sacred city of Benares cannot be shaken by an earthquake, because it does not rest on the earth at all, but upon the back of a tortoise. The earthquake which recently visited Hindoostan gave Benares a good shaking up, and many rickety buildings came tumbling to the ground. Thereupon the Mohammedans laughed and the Hindoos were wroth, as the learned Brahmans openly derided the notion that the city would be disturbed. Hindoostan itself has received a telling blow.

THE PULPIT TREASURY for March is on our table. Its contents abound in excellent suitable articles for pastors and Christian workers. Its resources seem unlimited, and its judgment in handling them able and practical. A "feast of fat things" is always spread before the reader in this monthly, and those who practice its suggestions must become "wise to win souls." The portrait of Charles S. Robinson, D. D., L. L. D., forms its frontispiece. Yearly, \$2.50. To Clergymen, \$2.00 Single Copies, 25 cents.

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